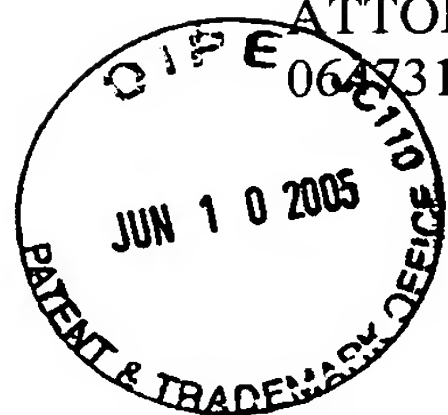


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**SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Applicants respectfully inquire about the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants filed a Request for Status with the PTO on November 18, 2004. To date, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

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